

**Remarks**

Claims 1-11, 17, 18, 22-27 and 34-50 have been allowed. This issue fee was paid on September 19, 2005. The applicant has submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with this Amendment. Fig. 7 and page 24 of the specification have been amended.

Fig. 7 has been amended to correct the sector count value shown in field 508. The value has been changed from "25" to "10." In the originally filed (informal) drawings, field 508 of Fig. 7 contained the value "10"; however, the value "25" incorrectly appeared in the formal drawings when they were filed. Also, the amended value of "10" conforms to the description of Fig. 7 in paragraph [0056] of the specification - see especially page 25, lines 19-21. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

Page 24 of the specification has been amended as indicated in the preceding pages. The added language is derived from text that was included in the originally filed (informal) Fig. 5. The originally filed Fig. 5 contained text, located near block 360, that read, "Image backup programs will cause reads of unwritten sectors. By manufacturing the data for unwritten sectors in unallocated segment it will avoid unnecessary segment allocation." Thus, no new matter has been added by the amendment to page 24.

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Claims 1-11, 17, 18, 22-27 and 34-50 have not been amended and therefore continue to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of these amendments and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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